

Abstract

An assembly for posts includes a rigid interior column and a decorative shell mounted around the column. The interior column is anchored to a base that is mountable to a floor, ceiling or other support structure. The base has one or more vertical uprights configured to support the interior column and/or shell. The interior column is supported in a socket in the base. The column may be secured to the base by a latch that positively engages the column and the socket. The latch operates independently of any weight bearing down on the column. The column may be secured to both the floor and the ceiling by latches that cooperate with bases on both ends of the column. An optional trim with interlocking pieces may be installed around the shell to provide a decorative transition where the post mounts to a floor, ceiling or other structure.